

Report of Synod
OF THE
Diocese of Athabasca

HELD AT
ST. PETER'S MISSION
LESSER SLAVE LAKE, ALBERTA
AUGUST 16, 17, 18 and 19, 1916

BEING THE
Tenth Meeting of the Synod

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PRAYER

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast promised, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church to the end of the world; we beseech Thee to be present with the Synod of this Diocese now (about to be) assembled in Thy name. Vouchsafe of Thy great mercy so to direct, govern and sanctify them in their important work by Thy Holy Spirit, that, through Thy blessing on their deliberations, the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, and the order and discipline of Thy Church maintained and handed down unimpaired to those who shall come after us. Grant this, we beseech Thee, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MID-DAY PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

OUR FATHER which art in heaven, Hallowed by Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

"And I, if I lifted up, will draw all men unto Me."

BLESSED SAVIOUR, who at this hour didst hang upon the Cross, stretching forth Thy loving arms; Grant that all mankind may look unto Thee and be saved; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

"At mid-day, O King, I saw a light above the brightness of the sun."

ALMIGHTY SAVIOUR, who at mid-day didst call Thy servant, Saint Paul, to be an Apostle to the Gentiles; we beseech Thee illumine the world with the radiance of Thy glory, that all nations may come and worship Thee, Who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

"Peter went up upon the house-top to pray about the sixth hour."

FATHER OF MERCIES, who to Thine Apostle, Saint Peter, didst reveal in three-fold vision Thy boundless compassion; Forgive, we pray Thee, our unbelief, and so enlarge our hearts and enkindle our zeal that we may fervently desire the salvation of all men, and with more ready diligence labor in the extension of Thy Kingdom; for His sake who gave himself for the life of the world, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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LIST OF CLERGY AND LAY WORKERS

THE RIGHT REV. EDWIN FREDERICK ROBINS, D.D., Bishop's House,
Peace River.

CLERGY

THE VEN. ARCHD. ALFRED SPEECHLY WHITE, St. John, Wabasca.
THE REV. FRANK VALE ABBOTT, Christ Church, Grande Prairie.
THE REV. SPENCER BARDSLEY BARON, B.A., All Saints, Athabasca, and
District.
THE REV. HAROLD HESKETH, Athabasca District, South.
THE REV. ROBERT LITTLE, West Peace River District, Griffin Creek P.O.
THE REV. WILLIAM MINSHAW, St. James, Peace River.
THE REV. ROBERT EDWARD RANDALL, Lake Saskatoon, Grande Prairie.
THE REV. CANON WILLIAM GROVE WHITE, St. Mark, High Prairie.
THE REV. CLIVE HENRY QUARTERMAN, St. Luke, Fort Vermilion.

LAY READERS

MR. CHARLES D. WHITE, St. Andrew, White Fish Lake.
MR. W. J. KENT, St. Peter, Lesser Slave Lake.

HONORARY LAY READERS

MR. E. JONES, Flat Lake, Athabasca.
MR. S. F. THORN, Pleasant Valley, Athabasca.

CHANCELLOR

CHANCELLOR CECIL B. F. MOUNT.

REGISTRAR

COLONEL T. A. WROUGHTON.

LADY WORKERS

THE WIVES OF THE CLERGY.
MISS COLLINS, St. John's School, Wabasca.
MISS MILLEN, St. John's School, Wabasca.
MISS SLADE, St. Barnabas School, Stony Point, Fort Vermilion.
MISS SMITH, St. Peter's School, Lesser Slave Lake.
MRS. SCHOFIELD, St. John's School, Wabasca.
MISS THOMPSON, St. Peter's School, Lesser Slave Lake.
MRS. C. D. WHITE, St. Andrew's School, White Fish Lake.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

THE REV. A. W. SALE, M.A., Church Army, France.
THE REV. J. W. McDONALD, Chaplain 66th Battalion.
THE REV. F. C. SUTHERLAND, Stretcher Bearer Section, 143rd Battalion.
CAPTAIN C. W. TREVELYAN, London Rifle Brigade.
LIEUT. H. M. V. ADAMS, 49th Battalion.
LIEUT. A. E. PHILPOT, 41st City of London Royal Fusiliers.
MR. J. PALMER MORGAN, Corps of Guides.
MR. HARRY F. THORN, Legion of Frontiersmen.

KILLED IN ACTION

THE REV. HUGH SPEKE, Major, of Grande Prairie Mission.

Proceedings of the Tenth Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca

Held at St. Peter's Mission, Lesser Slave Lake, Alberta,
August 16, 17, 18 and 19, 1916.

On Wednesday, 16th August, Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop at 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer was read at 10.30 a.m. The Synod Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. G. White.

At 2.30 p.m. the delegates assembled in the school house. There were present: The Right Rev. Edwin Frederick Robins, D.D., Bishop (in the chair); the Ven. Archdeacon White, St. John's, Wabasca; Chancellor C. B. F. Mount; the Rev. W. G. White, St. Peter's, Lesser Slave Lake; the Rev. S. B. Baron, All Saints, Athabasca; the Rev. R. Little, Athabasca S. District; the Rev. F. V. Abbott, Grande Prairie; the Rev. H. Hesketh, St. James, Peace River; the Rev. R. E. Randall, St. Luke's Fort Vermilion; the Rev. W. Minshaw, West Peace River; the Rev. C. H. Quarternan.

Mr. C. D. White, St. Andrew's, White Fish Lake; Mr. J. Rennison, All Saints, Athabasca; Mr. V. G. Lewis, West Peace River District.

Mr. W. J. Kent was unable to be present.

The opening prayer was offered by the Bishop.

THE BISHOP'S CHARGE

Reverend Brethren and Brethren of the Laity, I welcome you to this tenth meeting of the Synod of the Diocese.

CHANGES IN TRAVELLING

You have assembled from all parts of the diocese, and excepting the Missions of this district in which we meet, you all have been able to avail yourself of railway facilities at least for some part of your journeys. This constitutes a new feature hitherto impossible. Since the last meeting of our Diocesan Synod, held in this Mission in June 1914, the construction of railway lines has accelerated travelling to a degree which but recently would have been regarded as impossible. In addition to about the last fifteen miles of the Canadian Northern Railway from Edmonton to Athabasca, three other lines are now operating. The Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway runs from Edmonton, and enters the diocese to the south of the junction of the Athabasca River and the Little Slave River at Mirror Landing. Passing Sawridge the line keeps to the south shore of Lesser Slave Lake, then continues through High Prairie to a junction named McLennan, and thence westward across the Smoky River to Spirit River. A further line to the boundary of British Columbia is under construction. From Spirit River a line diverts to the South, and after twice crossing the old trail which leads across the Saddle Mountain to Grande Prairie, traverses a spur of the mountains to the southward and then continues to Grande Prairie City. From McLennan a line called the Central Canada Railway turns in a north-westerly direction to Peace River Crossing. Another railway, known as the Alberta and Great Waterways operates from Edmonton, enters the diocese in the south-eastern part, and continues to the beautiful shore of Lac La Biche. The day of the old trail, rarely good and more frequently bad, is passing away. No longer do we each set out with tent, axe, blankets and food supplies sufficient for all our requirements. Indeed so vastly are the conditions changing that Mrs. Robins and I on this present journey breakfasted at Peace River Crossing on a Friday, partook of our midday meal on the following day in Edmonton, and our evening meal that same day at Lac La Biche, where the Archdeacon and I held services on the

Sunday. When I became your Bishop in 1912 several weeks of strenuous and perpetual travelling by trail, river and lake would have been needed to have accomplished this. So improved are many of the roads that, a few days before, I travelled by motor car from Peace River Crossing to Lake Saskatoon in twenty-four hours, or slightly less. Steamboats no longer sail from Athabasca Landing, nor across Lesser Slave Lake, but several operate on the entire extent of the navigable parts of the Peace River. These significant changes made it necessary for me to move from Athabasca to Peace River Crossing. With the rapid alterations which have proceeded of recent years, we, as a diocese, have continued to receive much kind consideration from the railway and steamship companies.

THE WAR

The minds of all men who are Canadians, as of all other members of the British Empire, are occupied by the present great and terrible war. The appalling struggle continues, reminding us of impressive numbers of young lives laid down, and consequently of homes stricken with the deep sorrow of bereavement.

A heavy percentage of these men were members of our Church. We mourn their loss. We sympathize with their relatives. Yet we cannot but rejoice that in the day of the Empire's great struggle, actuated solely from principles of honour and righteousness, the dead for whom we mourn, and the living soldiers for whom we pray, did not turn a deaf or unwilling ear to the urgent, insistent call of patriotism. The effect of the war has in nothing been better demonstrated out here than in the old spirit of the British Empire shown by the men who have enlisted.

CHANGES IN STAFF

The war has caused much change in our staff. The first immediate loss was the departure of the Rev. Canon Smith from Grande Prairie, the death of whose wife in England seems to have been accelerated, at least, by the shock of the outbreak of war. The Rev. Hugh Speke, who came to us under the auspices of the Archbishops' Western Canada Fund, next left hurriedly for England, where he felt it his duty to accept again a commission in His Majesty's Army. Major Speke's earlier experience as a soldier was gained in the South African war before his ordination. He fell at the front gallantly leading his men.

The Rev. A. W. Sale has been assisting the Chaplains at the front, and has rendered valuable aid alike to the sick and wounded, and to the soldiers in the trenches.

The Rev. J. W. McDonald received appointment as Chaplain to the 66th Battalion.

We regard with equal esteem the laymen of our Staff serving with the colours.

The lamented sudden death of the Rev. R. Holmes a month ago, in the midst of his busy ministry on Grande Prairie, came as a great shock to us all. He leaves a record of faithful service.

The Rev. F. C. Sutherland resigned his charge at Spirit River in May last, and is now in the Stretcher Bearer Section of the 143rd Battalion.

The Rev. B. P. Colclough was advised for reasons of health to seek work in Eastern Canada, and left recently for Prince Edward Island.

We assemble in smaller numbers, therefore, and indeed with but little ground for hope of increase.

SUPPLY OF CLERGY

I have visited almost all of our Theological Colleges in the Dominion in search of suitable men for this Missionary Diocese.

The warmth of welcome, and the sympathetic interest of the staff and the students, have been encouraging. From some Colleges we have secured men. The fact remains, however, that we as a diocese are seriously understaffed, and are consequently in a state of weakness and perplexity.

The Church needs men of deep piety, constant devotion, sound learning, secure Churchmanship, and especially here in the Northland, of personal adaptability to the prevailing conditions of life. These conditions do not demand men of more than good average health.

INCORPORATION OF THE DIOCESE

With the valuable help of C. B. F. Mount, Esq., Barrister, whose appointment as Chancellor I made with full confidence, the Incorporation of the Diocese was assented to by the Provincial House of Parliament on October 22nd, 1914, during their Second Session, Third Legislature, 5 George V. Copies of the Act were sent to all the licensed Clergy of the diocese at the time.

It will be the duty of the Synod to draw up the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order.

THE NATIONAL MISSION OF REPENTANCE AND HOPE

A spiritual movement inaugurated by the leaders of our Church in the Mother Country is being prepared for, on a scale of magnitude surpassing any such former efforts.

The breaking down of trust in material prosperity, the humble recognition of the fact of Almighty God, His eternity, and His never-failing providence, are amongst the fundamental influences of the war.

It is recognized, as our Liturgy has ever taught us, that God alone can give peace in our time, that "there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O Lord."

The Mission is to begin in October and continue into November, each diocese arranging its own date.

The awful danger of materialism, with its dire consequences on the national character, has been markedly emphasized. It is intended to lead the nation from this materialistic spirit, and to direct the people humbly, and in deep repentance, to pray to Almighty God mercifully to grant forgiveness.

I hope that we shall discuss this Mission, and in answer to prayer, obtain divine guidance in formulating such plans for our own observance of it, that we may find nothing less than regeneration of heart and life.

Have we not, as a people, known, in the recent past, during the days of Canada's prosperity in the eager search for wealth, the awful meaning of our Saviour's words in St. Mark iv. 19: "the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lust of other things," which "entering in, choke the word"?

But now God is speaking and we may not close our ears. There is a sobbing of pain; it comes from the stricken and the bereaved, who have given all and have nothing to receive back. We pray for a hungering and thirsting for that which satisfies, even for righteousness.

IMMIGRATION

In the minds of many thinking people there is a certain conclusion as to the probability of increased immigration after the present terrible war ends. That there must be readjustment of the conditions of life, in the problems of how and where to live, there can be no room for doubt. The war has taken men from every calling in life, intellectual and physical.

In the discipline of the Army men have been trained with extraordinary speed to the stern strong hard life of warriors. Hundreds of thousands of men, who, in the easier, less exacting, days of their youth, drifted from force of local circumstances into ways of gaining a livelihood, in stores, in factories, and in offices, may be unwilling to resume, and indeed in many cases may be unfitted to resume their former manner of life. Large numbers probably will not look with favour upon the prospect of again adopting their former calling. Further, the business of the Empire is being maintained during these sad days of warfare, calling for the services of women and girls to an extent so vast, as to constitute a new era of economic welfare. Not alone in the successful making of munitions of war, but in very many spheres of labor, mental and physical, women have taken the places of men. They have proved themselves capable of responsibilities and exactions which in the peaceful years so recently past, neither they nor the men would have dreamed possible. Many of them will take up again where they left off in the domestic needs of their homes, but what of the future of the greater number? They will have proved themselves efficient in these days of excessive need and anxiety. Will it be right to expect their discharge? And if the men in large numbers show unwillingness to return to those spheres of work will it be needful or even possible to displace them? It is the opinion of many people qualified by experience in the proba

bilities of immigration, that very many of these soldiers, whose duty in the Army will be accomplished, will seek new spheres of life overseas, while the majority of those who went from the distant parts of the Dominion will return again to their former occupations.

It will be our high privilege and solemn duty to prepare for their coming. We have abundant reason for concluding that our own diocese, rich in latent resources of agriculture, fishery, timber and mineral, will become the goal of many. Indeed, some experts anticipate that the wave of immigration will sweep in with such onward and overwhelming force as to tax to the very utmost the missionary possibilities of the Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The imparting of sound religious Church teaching to the children on Sunday, exercises our minds as something essentially and indeed imperatively necessary. But this is often exceedingly difficult to accomplish, owing to the great extent in area of our Missions, the distances which must be travelled between the different services held each Sunday, the character of most of our new Missions, which involve questions of buildings in which to meet, the scattered aspect of the population, loneliness of the trails for children, and other considerations incidental to pioneer life in a developing land. In some places faithful churchworkers are of inestimable value in relieving the clergyman-in-charge of anxiety in this department of his ministry.

In the light of the probabilities of the next few years, this subject demands most serious thought and careful organization.

RELIGIOUS TEACHING IN DAY SCHOOLS

In the day schools it may be found that more may be done by us than we have realized hitherto to be possible, either from not availing ourselves of religious privileges for which provision in the law is made, or for other reasons.

Religious instruction may be given by a qualified religious teacher in a day school during certain periods of time specified in the Ordinance, and subject to the approval of the Trustees. My own experience is that the principals and teachers always welcome a visit to their schools. The children, too, appreciate it most happily. Trustees also like to know that the clergyman is interested in their efforts for the youth of the locality. I do not apprehend any real difficulty in obtaining entrance and recognition in the schools. The difficulty does not usually lie there. It is in being able so to organize your plans that your faithful visiting in the large districts entrusted to you shall permit of your giving the children in school the advantage of the instruction in Bible knowledge which is indeed their right to receive, and your privilege and responsibility to impart.

THE REVISION OF THE PRAYER BOOK

The Committee, appointed by the General Synod for the Revision, Adaptation and Enrichment of the Book of Common Prayer, presented the report of its careful and faithful work at the meeting of the General Synod held in Toronto in September last. Most thorough and reverent consideration was given to the Draft Book. It was received and adopted. It was hoped that copies would have been available to put into the hands of the members of Diocesan Synods and Church people at large. Owing, however, to the conditions of war a delay has occurred, and the publishers are unable to supply them at present.

Concerning the use of the book, by a resolution passed in the Upper House, the Bishop may give sanction for its temporary or occasional use in his diocese until the next meeting of the General Synod. This is in order to enable both clergy and people to become familiar with, and to judge by practical experience, the value of the changes.

PROHIBITION

Strongly supported by the Churches, and decided by an overwhelming vote of the people, the Liquor Act has become law.

Many, no doubt, were much influenced by the action of the King in banishing alcohol from the royal table, strengthened as it was by similar action on the part of some of the most influential leaders of the day.

The mind of the people of this Province was expressed with unmistakable

clearness. Prohibition is now on its trial. It is an experiment of great magnitude. There is abundant reason to believe that the faithful application of the new law will have a far-reaching influence, not alone in prosperity in business circles, but in the lastingly important factor of the development of the character of the community.

INDIAN MISSIONS

It is a cause for much gratitude to the Church Missionary Society that, under God, they have decided to continue their block grants to the Indian Missions until 1920.

The intervening years will be of supreme importance to the whole future of these missions. It is hoped that the sympathetic attitude of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada will result in their being able to take up the responsibilities relinquished by the Church Missionary Society after so many years of profound and generous concern for the highest spiritual welfare of the Indian.

It is on record that Bishop Stringer, accompanied by the present Bishop of Mackenzie River, in the year 1912 visited Fort McPherson. The Bishop wrote: "We were met by over two hundred Eskimos, who had come from long distances, in spite of many inconveniences, to receive further Christian instruction. We told them of our desire to send an expedition to the newly-discovered Eskimos one thousand miles away along an unknown coast, and asked for volunteers to accompany Mr. Fry, stating that they would have to go at their own cost, providing their own boats and complete outfit for winter and summer, for the expedition would take at least two years. There was an immediately and emphatic response. The whole churchful volunteered. Twelve were selected, and gladly made ready for the expedition, and started on their journey just over a year ago." The Bishop added: "A few years ago, if we asked these same people to do us the least service, the question was inevitably asked, 'How much will you pay?' Now there was no thought of payment. They asked us for nothing but the privilege of doing what they could. They were Christians, and they only wanted to know in what way they could serve their Master."

My Brethren of the Native Indian fields, you who have laboured patiently and with singular faith through the years of your lonely and isolated ministry in church and school, may we not ask ourselves if we have any such parallel? Or what is the outlook with regard to native work?

The older Missions, rich in spiritual experience, are becoming poorer in physical strength and the power of endurance.

Are we any nearer the consummation of the Missionary hope, of a church maintained, not by English or Canadian Missionary Societies, but by the local Christian Church, and with a trained ministry drawn from the native Christians? We shall do well to ask ourselves what becomes of the boys and girls baptized into the Church, educated in the Mission school with daily Christian teaching, and passing out into the world in due course. Are there none of the boys who might be prepared for school teaching, or for the sacred office of the ministry? Are there none of the girls who might be trained for Church work or to become the wives of native teachers or clergy?

DIOCESAN BOUNDARY

The claim of the Bishop of Caledonia to Episcopal authority in territory within the civil Province of British Columbia on this side of the Rocky Mountains, regarded from the beginning of church work in the North-West Territories, as in the ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, and from the time of its formation as in the diocese of Athabasca, was duly submitted, as arranged, to the Court of Assessors of the General Synod.

By a majority vote the decision was given in favour of the Diocese of Caledonia. However deeply we regret the decision, we cannot, I feel, do other than accept it.

FINANCE

We acknowledge the gracious love and bounty of our Heavenly Father in supplying all our needs for the maintenance of the Missions.

You endeavour to attain to the best of your power the practical development of local self-support.

It is not, however, possible for any mission or district in the diocese to provide the entire stipend of its Incumbent. We look to Almighty God and in faith believe that He will send the help required.

Generous support has been received from societies and individuals. We are deeply grateful to them all. Especial mention may be made of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, the Church Missionary Society, the Colonial and Continental Church Society, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, Archbishops' Western Canada Fund, the Missionary Leaves Association, and by no means last in its unremitting sympathy and prayer and stimulating zeal, as in its largeness of generosity, the Womans' Auxiliary.

BENEFICIARY FUNDS

The Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund and the Superannuation Fund should be supported annually by a collection from all the Missions of the diocese.

It is an obligation incumbent upon us as members of the Province and beneficiaries of the funds.

All the married clergy should join the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and all the clergy should be members of the Superannuation Fund.

WOMEN WORKERS

I desire to express my appreciation of the valuable church work which is done by the wives of the clergy and all the lady workers.

This is accomplished in a variety of ways. The teachers, matrons and assistant matrons have shown much care and kindness to the children of the schools.

The married women have supported and assisted the good work in their husbands' missions. Especially is this seen in the growth in numbers of the members of the Womans' Auxiliary and in the results aimed at and attained by the W. A.

It is all expressed in gentle and patient continuance.

THE FUTURE

We have already affirmed that we are a missionary diocese. We are, therefore, engaged in the great cause for which the Church lives. Missions are the supreme passion of the Church of Christ.

"God so loved the world" remains forever the Divine reason advanced for the awful facts of the Incarnation of our Blessed Lord, with His subsequent death on the Cross, His Resurrection from the tomb, and Ascension into Heaven.

Christianity begins its influence on men in their personal salvation; it evolves its ultimate purpose in inspiring them with a mission unlimited while any field of labour remains uncultivated.

We should be failing in the interpretation of Missions were we to confine the efforts of our people to their own local churches.

However difficult the task may be, we must, even while we receive almost all our support from the Church outside the diocese, from societies in Canada and England, faithfully endeavour to lead the people to assume their responsibilities to the world at large.

To preach Christ Jesus, and to accomplish by His grace their new birth in Him, this is but the beginning.

Then must follow their obligations as members of His Body the Church. These are individual in personal holiness, and proceed from that to responsibility of perpetual witness and service rendered for Him in behalf of others. Thus follows the construction of the Spiritual Church, which in individual life and home life must influence the nation, and in process of its development all nations, even the whole world which God so loved, and for which the Son of God became Incarnate and was crucified. "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." The living message entrusted by Almighty God to you His servants is the same for all men in all places, for all time. It is the everlasting Gospel, which can accomplish the eternal redemption, from sin and its consequences, of your people and of the whole world.

A vision as of radiant sunshine is dawning. It is not far off, it is not lost in the misty dimness of a future obscured. Soon, in the flight of time, it will become brighter and clearer.

Ere the small children of today shall find themselves treading the downward path of a tired old age, I believe the glory of the vision will be at its best. It is for our encouragement that we be not weary.

The Church in the East has given, and still gives to us, as missionaries, her best treasures of wealth and sympathy and experience. The East continues to send to us her young men and women to make new homes in this wonderful Northland of ours.

When the fires of discord shall have burned out and the tree of peace risen from the shameful ashes, when the clash of arms shall have ceased, and when honour and righteousness are crowned again in victorious triumph, the Motherland will pour forth her floods of people, and their blessings; and the Mother Church will sustain and multiply her gifts.

The West shall then unfold her own boundless treasures, the wealth of her vast granaries, her rich mines, her deep waters, and her dark forests—all will reveal her potentialities. The vision then will be more glorious. Not baseless shall it be, not empty, not as an idle dream, but instinct with undying life, breathing the reality of eternal righteousness, and founded on the assurance of supreme faith.

It shall be the going forth from this great land of the North and the West, the land which is often called the last and the best of mighty Canada, the men and the women, become a rich harvest of souls redeemed, to tell among the heathen in the remaining dark places of the earth, the wonder of the saving grace of God. The West shall not then stand with open palm to receive, but with extended hand she will freely give.

Toil on, my beloved brothers, your work is not in vain, it is in the Lord, and cannot fail. Thirty-fold, sixty-fold, a hundred-fold, yea, with a bounty surpassing knowledge shall He pour out His blessing upon your faithfulness. Your great lonely districts of the present, faithfully administered, are the hastening of the fulfilment of the vision. May the Lord of Lords, the great Jehovah, give us strength and grace to continue in well-doing.

ACTS OF TENTH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA

Held at St. Peter's Mission, Lesser Slave Lake, on the
16th, 17th, 18th and 19th August, 1916.

1. The adoption of the Bishop's Charge.
2. A resolution as to obtaining the names of soldiers willing to become candidates for Holy Orders at the close of the war.
3. A resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Holmes and family upon the death of the Rev. Robert Holmes.
4. A resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Speke upon the loss of her husband, who was killed at the front.
5. A resolution expressing hope that there may be an increasing number of Canadian men for the Ministry.
6. A resolution of sympathy with Canon Smith upon the death of his wife.
7. A resolution of appreciation of the work of the Red Cross Society.
8. A resolution that a message be sent by the Bishop to the troops at the front.
9. A resolution of gratification at the passing of the Liquor Act.
10. The Draft Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order were considered clause by clause and unanimously adopted as revised.
11. A resolution of greeting to the Rev. J. W. McDonald, 66th O. Battalion C.E.F.
12. A resolution in regard to the National Mission of Repentance and Hope.
13. A resolution in regard to the unification of the English language throughout the country.
14. Resolutions of thanks to the C.M.S., M.S.C.C., C.C.C.S., S.P.G., S.P.C.K., A. W. C.F., M. L. A., W. A., C. C. M., L. W. A., Workers of Holy Trinity Church, Pleasant Valley; H. B. Co., Peace River Trading & Land Co., Northern Navigation Co., Church Bible & Prayer Book Society, E.D. & B.C., A. & G.W. & C.C. Rys., Messrs. Sutton, and Diocesan Representatives.
15. A resolution in regard to the widespread efforts throughout Canada for the defence of the Empire.
16. Resolutions of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. White and Miss Estelle White for their hospitality in entertaining the members of the Synod.
- 16a. Election of delegates to the General and Provincial Synods.
17. A resolution of thanks to the Wives of the Clergy.
18. A resolution of thanks to the Rev. W. G. White for the Synod Sermon.
19. A resolution in regard to the formation of Sunday Schools.
- 19a. Election of delegates to the Board of the M.S.C.C.
20. A resolution in regard to Religious Instruction in Day Schools.
21. A resolution in regard to the desirability of joining the C. W. & O. F. and the C.S.F.
- 21a. Election of members of the Executive Committee.
22. A resolution in regard to the award on the Boundary Question.
23. A resolution making the Chancellor for the time being an ex-officio member of the Committee on Canons and Rules of Order.
- 23a. Election of members on the Standing Committee on Canons and Rules of Order.
24. A resolution of sympathy with the Bishop and Diocese of Moosonee in regard to the recent destructive fires in that Diocese.
25. A resolution as to the composition of the Committee on Canons and Rules of Order.
26. Election of Committee on Canons and Rules of Order.
27. A resolution of sympathy with the Diocese of Columbia on the death of its late Bishop, Dr. Scriven.
- 27a. A resolution of greeting to Archdeacon Scott.
28. A resolution of appreciation and thanks to the Lady Workers of the Diocese.
29. A resolution of greeting to Lieut. Philpot of the London Fusiliers.

30. A resolution of greeting to Captain Trevelyan.
31. A resolution of regret that Mrs. C. D. White was unable to attend during the sessions of the Synod.
32. A resolution of greeting to the Rev. W. H. Trickett for faithful work done in this Diocese.
- 32a. Resolution of regret upon the departure of the Rev. B. P. and Mrs. Colclough, through ill-health, and thanks for the work done in the Diocese.
33. A resolution that the Bishop's Charge and the proceedings of the Synod be printed and circulated.

The following resolutions were placed before the Synod:—

1. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by Rev. W. G. White, that the Rev. W. Minshaw act as secretary for this meeting of the Synod. Carried.
2. Moved by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Rev. F. V. Abbott, that the minutes of the last Synod be taken as read. Carried.
3. Moved by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Rev. S. B. Baron, that we consider the Bishop's Charge and constitute ourselves as a Committee of the whole house for this purpose. Carried.
4. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by Chancellor Mount, that in view of the great difficulty in obtaining men for Holy Orders, the Secretary of the Diocese be asked to communicate with the Rev. E. A. Burroughs as to the possibility of obtaining the names of men at the front who have signified their desire to enter the Ministry, if, by the grace of God, they are spared to return at the close of the war, especially the names of those who volunteered from this Province. Carried.
5. Moved by Rev. W. Minshaw, seconded by Rev. R. Little, that the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, now assembled in session, desires to commend the Rev. F. C. Sutherland, of the Stretcher Bearer Company of the 143rd Battalion, to the care of Almighty God, and pray that his labours for the sick and wounded may be greatly blessed, and that at the close of the war he be welcomed back to our midst again, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Sutherland. Carried.
6. Moved by Rev. F. V. Abbott, seconded by Rev. W. G. White, that the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, now assembled, desires to express its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Holmes and her family in their sudden bereavement, and its grateful appreciation of the faithful Christian work of the late Rev. Robert Holmes, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary to Mrs. Holmes. Carried in silence, standing.
7. Moved by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Rev. F. V. Abbott, that the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, now assembled in session, would express their realization of the great loss the Church has experienced in the death of the Rev. Hugh Speke at the western front. At the same time this Synod wishes to recognize to the full Major Speke's well-known courage and devotion to duty in his country's cause, which led to his heroic death in the trenches, and directs that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary to Mrs. Speke. Carried in silence, standing.
8. Moved by Mr. V. G. Lewis, seconded by Rev. H. Hesketh, that the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, now assembled, records an expression of its hope that an increasing number of Canadian young men may be forthcoming for the Ministry of the Church. Carried.
9. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by Mr. C. D. White, that the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, now assembled, desires to express its sincere sympathy with the Rev. Canon Smith in his deep sorrow at the death of his wife, which occurred at the beginning of the war. The Synod also wishes to place on record its appreciation of the faithful and earnest labours of the Rev. Canon Smith in Grande Prairie, and regret that he has been compelled to leave our midst. Carried in silence, standing.
10. Moved by Rev. S. B. Baron, seconded by Mr. C. D. White: We, the members of the Tenth Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, now in session, wish to express to the Rev. B. P. Colclough our sympathy in the failing health which necessitated his departure from this Diocese, and further to place on record our gratitude for the faithful and devoted manner in which the Rev. and Mrs.

Colclough carried on their work, and to express the hope that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon them in their new sphere of labour. Carried.

11. Moved by Rev. H. Hesketh, seconded by Rev. R. Little, that this Synod now assembled, records its appreciation of the faithful work of the Rev. A. W. Sale in this Diocese, and trusts that Mr. Sale's present work in connection with the war may be abundantly blessed. Also, that the best wishes of the Synod be conveyed to Mr. Sale and his wife on their marriage. Carried.

12. Moved by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Rev. S. B. Baron, that the Synod of Athabasca, now assembled, wishes to express its high appreciation of the most important and humane work being undertaken by the Canadian Red Cross Society, in making and forwarding supplies for the alleviation of the sufferings of the wounded soldiers and sailors of our Empire, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Headquarters of the Society. Carried.

13. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by Rev. S. B. Baron, that a message from this Synod be drafted by the Bishop, to be sent to the troops at the front, through the Chaplain-General of the C.E.F. Carried.

14. Moved by Rev. C. H. Quarterman, seconded by Rev. F. V. Abbott, that this Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, now assembled, expresses its gratification on the adoption of the Liquor Act in this Province, and looks forward with hope to the time when a similar law shall be enacted in all the Canadian Provinces, and this national danger of intemperance completely removed from our Dominion. Carried.

15. Moved by Chancellor Mount, seconded by Archdeacon White, that the various Diocesan Funds be managed by the Bishop as heretofore, it being understood that the Bishop will present to the Executive Committee duly audited accounts from time to time, and that all Diocesan Funds which ought to be invested shall be invested with the approval of, or consent of, the Executive Committee. Carried.

The Act of Incorporation, Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order were then considered clause by clause and formally passed to Section 10.

The Session closed with prayer.

An adjournment was made.

At 7 p.m. Evening Prayer was said in the Church, at which an address was given by the Rev. S. B. Baron, on S. Matt. 1, 21.

Thursday, 17th, Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30 a.m. by the Rev. R. Little.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Bishop at 9.30 a.m.

Clauses 11 to end of Constitution were passed, and Canons I. to III. were discussed and passed.

An adjournment at one o'clock was made, the session being closed with prayer.

The Synod re-assembled at 2.30 p.m. The Bishop opened with prayer.

Canons IV., V., VI., and Rules of Order were discussed and carried.

16. Moved by Chancellor Mount, seconded by Rev. W. G. White, that the Form of License for Lay Readers at present in use in the Diocese of Athabasca, including the regulations endorsed thereon, be and is hereby adopted. Carried.

17. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by Rev. S. B. Baron, that the Bishop and Chancellor be asked to add a pamphlet to the Constitution containing any legal information they may deem necessary or useful for the clergy.

18. Moved by Rev. W. Minshaw, seconded by Rev. W. G. White, that the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order be printed and circulated. Carried.

19. Moved by Chancellor Mount, seconded by the Bishop, that the Act of Incorporation be printed. Carried.

20. Moved by Rev. R. Little, seconded by Rev. F. V. Abbott, that we, the members of the Tenth meeting of the Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, now assembled in session, convey to the Rev. J. W. McDonald, of the 66th Battalion, our sincere greeting, and pray that his work as Chaplain with His Majesty's troops may be productive of great good, and that in the Providence of God he may be spared to take his seat in this Synod on a future occasion. Carried.

21. Moved by the Rev. S. B. Baron, seconded by Rev. F. V. Abbott: Be it resolved, that during the session of this Synod steps be taken to assure to this Diocese as a whole the blessings and other advantages to be looked for from its participation in the National Mission of Repentance and Hope. Carried.

This resolution caused much useful discussion, every member speaking. The Bishop laid emphasis upon the need of prayer and individual preparation of the clergy.

22. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by Rev. R. Little, that in view of the cosmopolitan nature of the population of the Dominion, it is most essential that for the unification of the nation and for the better mingling of those of foreign countries in the social and civil life of this country, that all School Boards be instructed to order that elementary subjects in their respective schools be taught in the English language and no other; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Provincial Government. Carried.

This motion elicited considerable discussion.

After prayer the session adjourned.

Evening Prayer was read at 7.30, at which an address was given by the Rev. F. V. Abbott on 2 Cor., 5, 4.

Friday, August 18th, Holy Communion was celebrated at 7:30 a.m. by the Ven. Archdeacon White.

The Synod re-assembled at 9.45. The Bishop offered prayer.

23. Moved by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Archdeacon White, that this Synod places on record an appreciation of the efficient manner in which the Bishop has increased the funds of the Diocese, and for the businesslike way in which he has administered the finances, and expresses complete confidence that the Diocesan funds, the administration of which has by the Canon passed at this Synod been left in the hands of the Bishop, will be efficiently administered by him in the future. Carried with acclamation. The Bishop replied.

The following were then elected as members of the Executive Committee: The Rev. W. G. White, Rev. S. B. Baron, Mr. C. D. White.

The Ven. Archdeacon White and Rev. R. Little were elected as clerical representatives to the next General Synod, the Rev. R. Little to act as substitute.

24. Moved by Chancellor Mount, seconded by Rev. W. Minshaw, that in view of the uncertainty as to the number of Clerical and Lay Delegates the Diocese is entitled to send to General Synod, it is resolved that two clerical and two lay delegates be elected, upon the understanding that if only one of each can sit the clerical and lay delegates obtaining the smaller number of votes shall act as substitute to the clerical and lay delegates obtaining the larger number of votes. Carried.

The following Lay Representatives were elected to attend the next General Synod: Chancellor Mount, and Mr. C. D. White to act as substitute.

25. Moved by Chancellor Mount, seconded by Rev. R. Little, that in view of all the circumstances the Diocese, although entitled under the Constitution of the Provincial Synod to send 7 clerical and 7 lay delegates, do only elect 3 clerical and 3 lay delegates. Carried.

The Ven. Archdeacon White, Rev. W. Minshaw, and Rev. F. V. Abbott were duly elected as clerical representatives to the next Provincial Synod.

Chancellor Mount, Mr. C. D. White and Mr. J. Rennison were duly elected as lay representatives to the next Provincial Synod.

26. Moved by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Rev. F. V. Abbott, that the Synod desires to record its grateful appreciation of the services rendered by the Rev. C. J. James in the past as the representative of the Diocese at the meeting of the M.S.C.C., and to express its hope that he will again represent the Diocese. Carried.

27. Moved by Rev. R. Little, seconded by Rev. S. B. Baron, that the four members elected as representatives of this Diocese on the Board of Management of the M.S.C.C. be our representatives on the Sunday School Commission, also the Council for Social Service. Carried.

28. Moved by the Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Rev. F. V. Abbott, that Archdeacon White be asked to continue his services as representative on the M.S.C.C. Carried.

The session closed with prayer.

The Synod re-assembled at 3 o'clock. The Bishop offered prayer.

29. Moved by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Archdeacon White, that the Synod of Athabasca, now assembled, greatly appreciates the most valuable and liberal assistance that the Church Missionary Society has generously accorded to the Diocese for many years past and up to the present time, notwithstanding the most difficult days through which we are passing, and desires unanimously to record a vote of thanks to this noble Society.

The Synod also desires on behalf of the whole Diocese to express its great appreciation of the generosity of the C.M.S. in agreeing to extend its grant until the year 1920. Carried.

30. Moved by Rev. S. B. Baron, seconded by Mr. J. Rennison, that the appointment of three clerical and three lay representatives to the Provincial Synod, who shall be non-resident in the Diocese, be left to the discretion of the Bishop. Carried.

31. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by Rev. S. B. Baron, that the Synod of Athabasca, now in session, wish to convey to the M.S.C.C. its most sincere thanks for the generous assistance the Society has constantly given to this Diocese. Carried.

32. Moved by the Rev. F. V. Abbott, seconded by Rev. H. Hesketh, that we, the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, now assembled at St. Peter's Mission, Lesser Slave Lake, desire to record our sincere gratitude for the generous help and support received from the Colonial and Continental Church Society. Carried.

33. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by Rev. R. Little, that the Synod of this Diocese, now assembled, request its Secretary to write Miss Plumtre, Secretary of the Literature Distributing League connected with the C.C.C.S., and convey our heartfelt thanks for the interest that the League has taken in the Clergy and Homesteaders of the Diocese of Athabasca, in sending to them helpful and interesting literature, and hope this League will find themselves able to continue this good and valuable work. Carried.

34. Moved by Rev. W. Minshaw, seconded by Rev. R. Little, that the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca desires to record its sincere thanks to the S.P.G. for their continued and generous support for the clergy of this Diocese. Carried.

35. Moved by Rev. H. Hesketh, seconded by Rev. R. E. Randall, that the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca desires to place on record its appreciation of the help extended by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge for the literature supplied to the various missions of this Diocese and for the generous grants to enable the Diocese to erect Churches. Carried.

36. Moved by the Rev. R. E. Randall, seconded by Mr. C. D. White, that the Synod of Athabasca, now in session, tenders its most grateful thanks to the Archbishops' Western Canada Fund for the very acceptable help rendered by the Fund. Carried.

37. Moved by Mr. C. D. White, seconded by Rev. R. E. Randall, that the Synod of Athabasca, now assembled in session, desires to place on record its exceeding sense of deep gratitude to the Missionary Leaves Association for its kind and generous aid and sympathetic help. Carried.

38. Moved by Rev. S. B. Baron, seconded by Rev. H. Hesketh, that the Synod of Athabasca desires to record a very sincere vote of thanks to the Woman's Auxiliary for its most efficient aid to the work of the Diocese generally and more especially for the generous assistance accorded to the Indian Schools. Carried.

39. Moved by Mr. V. G. Lewis, seconded by Rev. C. H. Quarterman, that the Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, now assembled, convey the thanks of the Diocese to the Church Camp Mission for providing assistance rendered to this Diocese during the summers of 1915 and 1916. Carried.

40. Moved by Rev. C. H. Quarterman, seconded by Rev. F. V. Abbott, that the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, now assembled, expresses its deep gratitude to the local branches of the Woman's Auxiliary for their untiring effort and valuable assistance in behalf of the varied work of the Diocese; and that the Secretary be instructed to convey to the Branches concerned our sincere appreciation of their sympathy and co-operation. Carried.

41. Moved by Rev. W. Minshaw, seconded by Rev. S. B. Baron, that the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca desires to place on record its appreciation of the gifts of Altar cloths made by the workers of Holy Trinity Church, Pleasant Valley, and also to thank the congregation for their faithful efforts towards self-support. Carried.

42. Moved by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Rev. F. V. Abbott, that the Synod of Athabasca, now assembled in session, desires to record its sincere recognition of the widespread efforts and great sacrifices that are being put forth throughout Canada for the defence of the Dominion and Empire, and furthermore pledges its moral support in any measures which the Dominion Government may deem advisable for the complete mobilization of our resources both in men and money. Carried.

43. Moved by the Rev. R. E. Randall, seconded by Rev. H. Hesketh, that this Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca desire to place on record their sincere thanks to the Peace River Trading and Land Co. for their travelling facilities granted to the Missionaries of this Diocese. Carried.

44. Moved by Rev. C. H. Quarterman, seconded by Mr. V. G. Lewis, that the Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, now assembled, convey to the Peace River Navigation Co., its grateful appreciation of the generous facilities in transportation granted to the staff of the Diocese. Carried.

45. Moved by Rev. R. Little, seconded by Rev. W. Minshaw, that a letter expressing our appreciation be sent to the Church Bible and Prayer Book Society for their generosity in providing many missions in this Diocese with service books. Carried.

46. Moved by Rev. R. Little, seconded by Archdeacon White, that a letter expressing our sincere appreciation of past favours extended to the Missionaries of the Diocese of Athabasca be sent to the President of the Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia Railway, the President of the Canada Central Railway, and to the President of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway, with the hope that the same may be continued. Carried.

47. Moved by Mr. C. D. White, seconded by Rev. C. H. Quarterman, that the Synod of Athabasca, now assembled in session, wishes to express its hearty thanks to the Hudson's Bay Company for transportation favours extended to the Missionaries of this Diocese. Carried.

48. Moved by Chancellor Mount, that the members of the Tenth Synod, held at St. Peter's Mission, Lesser Slave Lake, August 16, 17, 18 and 19, 1916, hereby desire to place on record their warmest thanks to the Rev. W. G. White and Mrs. White for their kind hospitality and unwearying efforts to promote the comfort of the members of the Synod, and trusts that Mrs. White will accept the small token of their gratitude which will shortly be forwarded to her. Carried with acclamation.

49. Moved by Rev. W. Minshaw, seconded by Rev. R. Little, that the members of the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca desire to place on record their warmest appreciation of the beneficent work of the wives of the clergy. Carried.

50. Moved by Chancellor Mount, seconded by Rev. R. Little, that a very hearty vote of thanks be given to the Rev. W. Minshaw for his unremitting devotion to his work as Secretary of the Synod. Carried.

51. Moved by Chancellor Mount, that the members of the Synod desire to express their intense appreciation of the way in which Miss Estelle White has so indefatigably seconded her father and mother in their efforts to entertain the members, and trusts that Miss Estelle White will accept the little token of the gratitude of the members which will shortly be forwarded to her. Carried.

The Bishop announced his intention to appoint the Rev. W. G. White as Canon of Athabasca in recognition of his long years of faithful work in behalf of the Red Indians.

52. Moved by Rev. R. Little, seconded by Chancellor Mount, that the Synod record its sincere appreciation of the words of encouragement and help expressed in the Synod sermon by the Rev. W. G. White. Carried.

53. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by Rev. S. B. Baron, that this Synod feels that it is the duty of the clergy of the Diocese to do their utmost to form Sunday Schools. Carried.

54. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by Rev. S. B. Baron, that this Synod feels that the clergy of the Diocese should seek to take advantage of every opportunity to give religious instruction in the Day Schools. Carried.

55. Moved by Rev. W. Minshaw, seconded by Rev. R. Little, that this Synod desires to bring before its members the necessity of joining the Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund and the Clergy Superannuation Fund. Carried.

56. Moved by Rev. R. E. Randall, seconded by Rev. C. H. Quarterman, that this Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, now in session, desires to place on record its very grateful thanks to Messrs. Sutton for vegetable and garden seeds so generously supplied to the Missionaries in charge of its Indian work also to the Church Missionary Society for its kindness in forwarding the same. Carried.

The session closed with prayer.

At 8.30 p.m. a special service was held in the Church, at which the Bishop conferred on the Rev. W. G. White the office of Honorary Canon of the Diocese.

Saturday, August 18th, 1916. The session opened with prayer offered by the Bishop.

The Bishop announced that on the previous evening he had conferred the office and dignity of Canon upon the Rev. W. G. White.

The Revs. R. Little, F. V. Abbott and S. B. Baron offered congratulations to the new Canon on behalf of the clergy.

Chancellor Mount offered congratulations on behalf of the laity.

In speaking of the Indian work, the Bishop expressed his belief that it was the duty of the Canadian Church to undertake the spiritual responsibility of the Indians.

57. An expression of thanks was accorded to Major Wroughton for his kind self-sacrificing attendance as one of the Lay Representatives at the Provincial Synod. Carried.

58. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by Rev. F. V. Abbott, that this Synod hears with great regret of the result of the submission to arbitration of the claim made by the Diocese of Caledonia to a portion of this Diocese, and desires to place on record its regret that the majority award of the arbitration ignores the fact under which the territory in question has been ministered to by this Diocese and by the Diocese of Rupert's Land since the year 1858, but resolves that in the best interests of the Church the award be accepted without further demur. Carried.

59. Moved by Rev. S. B. Baron, seconded by Archdeacon White, that the Chancellor of the Diocese for the time being be an ex-officio member of the Committee on Canons and Rules of Order. Carried.

60. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by Rev. S. B. Baron, that the Synod of Athabasca, now in session, wishes to convey its sympathy to the Bishop and clergy of the Diocese of Moosonee in the lamentable and ruinous fires which have recently swept through part of the Diocese, destroying life and property. Carried.

61. Moved by Rev. C. H. Quarterman, seconded by Rev. H. Hesketh, that the Standing Committee on Canons and Rules of Order consist of two clerical and two lay members in addition to the Bishop and Chancellor as ex-officio members and that a quorum consist of not less than 3 members, of whom the Bishop and Chancellor for the time being, shall be two. Carried.

The following were elected as representatives on the Standing Committee on Canons and Rules of Order:—Clerical: The Ven. Archdeacon White, Rev. R. Little. Lay: Mr. J. Rennison, Mr. G. M. Smith, and Mr. C. D. White as substitute.

Moved by Canon White, seconded by Rev. W. Minshaw, that the Synod of Athabasca desires to convey their sympathy to the Diocese of Columbia in the loss they have sustained in the lamented death of the Right Rev. Dr. Scriven. Carried.

Reports on Indian work were given by:—

The Ven. Archdeacon White, Wabasca.

The Rev. Canon White, St. Peter's, Lesser Slave Lake.

Mr. C. D. White, St. Andrew's, White Fish Lake.

Prayer having been offered, the Synod adjourned.

The concluding session opened with prayer by the Bishop.

Reports on White work were given by:—

Rev. S. B. Baron, Athabasca and district.

Rev. R. Little, Athabasca South district.

Rev. W. Minshaw, Athabasca North, and also on work in West Peace River district.

Rev. F. V. Abbott, Grande Prairie district.

Rev. R. E. Randall, Fort Vermilion.

Rev. H. Hesketh, Peace River Crossing.

63. Moved by Canon White, seconded by Rev. R. Little, that the Synod of Athabasca convey their cordial greetings to Archdeacon Scott, and trust that he may long be spared to the service of the Church in the West. Carried.

64. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by the Bishop, that the Synod of Athabasca wishes to express their admiration for and thanks to the Lady Workers of the Diocese for their devoted work and assistance given in the extension of Christ's Kingdom in this Diocese. Carried.

65. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by the Bishop, that the Synod of Athabasca sends greeting to Lieut. Philpot, and wishes to express its hope that he may receive the blessing and protection of God while serving his King and Country. Carried.

66. Moved by Archdeacon White, seconded by Rev. F. V. Abbott, that the Synod of Athabasca sends greeting to Captain Trevelyan, and wishes to express its hope that he may receive the blessing and protection of Almighty God while serving His King and Country. Carried.

67. Moved by Rev. S. B. Baron, seconded by Rev. F. V. Abbott, that the Synod regrets that Mrs. C. D. White has been unable to be present, and in sending greeting to her the members wish to record their appreciation of her self-sacrificing and unflinching labours. Carried.

Mrs. Baron presented a report on the work of the Diocesan W. A.

68. Moved by Mr. C. D. White, seconded by Rev. F. V. Abbott, that the greetings of the Synod be forwarded to Rev. W. H. Trickett recognizing the faithful work done by him in this Diocese. Carried.

69. Moved by Rev. W. Minshaw, seconded by Rev. R. Little, that the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, now in session, direct that the Bishop's Charge and the proceedings of the Synod be printed, and copies sent to the Primate and the Secretary of every other Diocese. Carried.



